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Introduction

In 2005 the IPA celebrated the 10th anniversary of its activity. The institute today has firmly occupied a significant place in the Polish public life consistently implementing its statutory aims in the changing political, legal and social environment.

The scope of the last year's IPA activity is reflected in its 5 programmes. On top of the previously run programmes (European integration, social policy, educational policy, migration and Eastern policy) we started a new programme called "Citizen and Law". The new programme's aims are a better access to legal assistance, better quality of public administration, corruption prevention and citizens' activation.

The year 2005 was for Poland the year of presidential and parliamentary elections, which have brought about radical changes on the political scene. The IPA, according to its principles of a non-partisan institution, avoided any activity which might be understood as backing for any of the competing political groups. At the same time, we undertook a number of initiatives aimed at reform of electoral law and activities aimed at enriching the pre-election debate. We also monitored and analysed the election campaign.

Among our activities connected with elections it is worth mentioning research and initiatives aimed at intensifying the Polish citizens' low political activity, including low elections turnout. In the first part of the year, the Institute developed a number of recommendations regarding the increase of citizen's participation in elections and referendums. Several of these proposals were discussed by the special parliamentary subcommittee working on amendments to the elections legislation. The dramatically low turnout in the last elections proved the accuracy of our analyses and highlighted the need for activities aimed at turnout increase. This situation triggered renewed attention to our initiatives.

During the elections campaign the IPA published a series of short texts comprising recommendations for changes and reforms in several key areas of public life, including corruption prevention, educational policy and the structural funds implementation. The IPA, jointly with a number of other non-governmental organisations, took part in consultations organised by the public television authority. Thus, we had an opportunity to share our ideas on the topics for the TV elections debates. We also took an active part in the creation of the "Citizens Committee for Presidential Debates" which cooperated with the TV and passed on the suggestions regarding the desired course of the TV elections campaign. Even if the effect of these initiatives on the election debate was less considerable than we had expected, this experience was an important step forward in civil society activation. Throughout the whole campaign our experts and staff frequently appeared in the electronic media and press. One of the highlights of our activities connected with the presidential and parliamentary elections was our conference "Women Now", promoting the participation of women in public life.

The IPA took part in the monitoring of presidential campaign finance in cooperation with Stefan Batory Foundation's programme "Against Corruption". The IPA experts contributed to the development of the research methodology and subsequent reports. Our Institute also participated in the dissemination of the monitoring results. In the beginning of 2006, legal and institutional recommendations regarding political finance will be developed.

Moreover, gratifyingly for us, the Forum on the Future of Democracy of the Council of Europe adopted the issue of civic participation for the discussions at the Forum of the Future of Democracy of the Council of Europe. The IPA served as the main intellectual backup for the Polish authorities responsible for the preparation of the Forum, cooperating with the Senate Chancellery and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Forum is an important accomplishment of Poland's presidency of the Council of Europe.

In the first part of 2005, the IPA activities centred around the discussion on the EU Constitutional Treaty. We organised a public debate attended by Polish and foreign politicians. Our experts frequently commented on this issue on radio and TV, in the press and on other forums (e.g. Reflexion Group of the Polish President). We participated in the works of a network of expert and research organisations (including EPIN, Brussels and PASOS in Prague) and contributed to the preparation of international reports and analyses. After the failure of the ratification process in France and the Netherlands, we took up a number of activities to reinvigorate the “Polish Eurodebate”.

One of our important 2005 accomplishments was the publication of the book “Bridges across the Atlantic” comprising a comprehensive analysis of the attitudes towards the USA and the American policy in Poland and other Central European countries.

Our Social Policy Programme developed a number of proposals regarding long-term prevention of acute problems of social marginalisation, poverty and unemployment. The Programme’s activities promoted the change of attitude towards solving these problems via the so called “active social policy”. Numerous projects of the Programme were aimed at development and dissemination of various possible instruments of such policy. One of the projects especially worth mentioning here is our undertaking in the framework of the EU EQUAL initiative aimed at spreading good practices and developing social entrepreneurship skills on the local level. The IPA also initiated the debate on the practice of combining flexible labour market and the need for social security, known as *Flexicurity*.

One of the agents of the modern social policy are non-governmental organisations. The IPA continued a complex programme of research and analyses on the state of the Third Sector as well as monitoring of the legal environment for non-governmental organisations. Our findings are reflected in the *Third Sector* quarterly.

The biggest accomplishment of our Education Programme was a broad debate and public consultations on the new general education core-curriculum developed by the IPA experts. The final version, shaped in the course of consultations, was passed on to Ministry of Education. This IPA project was met with genuine interest and attention by the educational community and the media. The same can be said about our pioneering research on private tutoring in the Polish educational system.

The Migration and Eastern Policy Programme’s considerable success was the report and conference on the foreign workers on the Polish labour market, jointly organised with the Polish Chamber of Commerce. The report’s conclusions received broad response in media and government officials and served as the basis for new legal regulations in this area. We also developed a report on this topic for Ukrainian authorities. Yet the programme’s biggest accomplishment this year was the report on visa and consular policy of new member states towards their Eastern neighbours. The report’s conclusions and recommendations were broadly discussed by an international pool of experts and some of the recommendations were reflected in the Ukrainian government’s position on the new visa agreement with the EU.

Among our greatest achievements in 2005 are the activities of the “Citizen and Law” programme aimed at increasing the citizens’ access to information on legal issues. In that regard we cooperated with local organisation providing legal assistance, especially to people from marginalised social groups. The “Citizen and Law” Board of Experts prepared expert opinions and systemic solutions in the area of equal access to law for all citizens. In addition to the already mentioned projects on civic participation, this programme also conducted a project on applying new technologies in order to prevent corruption in public administration.

This year's IPA activity in figures is comparable to previous years. One should keep in mind that in 2005 we had a record number of long-term projects comprising a number of subprojects with their own objectives and budgets. One can also notice an increased number of publications – an outcome of more frequent publication of our works exclusively in electronic form. For instance, our electronic output includes 24 issues of “Analyses and Opinions”, a series of communications from research, declarations and reports. All these documents can be freely downloaded from our newly redesigned web page.

Not unlike in previous years, in 2005 the IPA was constantly present in the media (we have counted 364 quotes in the Polish press, complemented by a number of appearances of our experts and staff on the Polish TV and radio and the foreign media). Moreover, our experts, researchers and analysts participated in a number of conferences and other Polish and foreign debates.

THE EUROPEAN PROGRAMME

Programme supervisor: prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, dr Jacek Kucharczyk

Project coordination: Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz (od czerwca) Danuta Guzik (till June), Mateusz Fałkowski, Marta Jasińska (do listopada), Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, Olga Napiontek (from February)

In 2005 the European Programme concentrated on four thematic areas:

- ✓ Poland's views on the EU future and further integration
- ✓ The Foreign Policies of Poland and the EU
- ✓ Effects and challenges of the Polish membership in the EU
- ✓ Implementation of the EU structural funds

Key Figures:

- ✓ Number of projects: 17
- ✓ Number of grants: 8
- ✓ Number of print publications: 6
- ✓ Number of conferences and seminars: 11

PROJECTS

1. Poland's views on the EU future and further integration

Project: „Where is Europe headed?”

Project coordination: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The aim of this project was a debate on the situation in Europe after the failed referendums in France and the Netherlands and the possible scenarios of future developments just before the important summit of European leaders in Brussels. Members of the European Parliament, politicians and experts took part in the meeting.

Implementation period: May 2005 – June 2005

Source of funding: Adenauer Foundation

Project: „The Polish agenda in Europe”

Project coordination: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The aim of this project was to deepen the debate on Polish political goals in Europe as well as the new situation for Poland after the accession. The IPA published a report on „The Polish strategy in Europe: goals and alliances” authored by Andrzej Olechowski. We

also organised a conference under the same title, the speakers included the then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Adam Rotfeld.

Implementation period: January 2005 – April 2005

Source of funding: the IPA own sources

Project: „Mutual perceptions of Poles and Germans”

Project coordination: Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz

The aim of this project is to assess the extent to which the EU enlargement has influenced the mutual perceptions of these two peoples. We want to see whether the enlargement has helped to refute old stereotypes and posed new challenges for the Polish-German relations within the EU. The project is based on public opinion research.

Implementation period: September 2005 – May 2006

Source of funding: Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Project: „Mutual perceptions of Poles and the French”

Project coordinator: Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz

Many political commentators consider the failure of the European Constitution in the French referendum a belated voice against the EU enlargement. The infamous “Polish plumber”, the anti-hero of the French referendum campaign, was a good illustration of the role stereotypes, prejudices and the lack of knowledge about the new EU members can play in the European cooperation. Thus, the aim of this project is to examine to what extent the mutual perceptions of the two peoples have changed in the past several years as well as what are the new challenges for the deepening the relations between the two countries within the enlarged EU. The project comprises on public opinion research in Poland and France as well as broad debate on the research conclusions.

Implementation period: September 2005 – September 2006

Source of funding: the French Embassy in Warsaw, TP SA,

2. The Foreign Policy of Poland and the EU

Project: „Polish attitudes towards the United States, their influence on the Polish foreign policy and the future of reforms in the European Union”

Project coordinator: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The goal of this project was to analyse popular and elite attitudes towards the USA and the American foreign policy in selected countries of Central Europe. The IPA published the book *Bridges Across the Atlantic? Attitudes of Poles, Czechs and Slovaks Towards the United States* in 2005. We also held a seminar and a conference where we presented the results of our work.

Implementation period: April 2004 – April 2005

Source of funding: German Marshall Fund

Project: „Democracy Promotion – the challenges for the transatlantic community”

Project coordinator: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The events of the past few years show to what extent “democracy building” is important for the creation of a stable international environment for both Europe and the United States. However, the two democracy promoters have different attitudes, definitions and implementation methods. The aim of this project is to analyse these differences and to propose activities thanks to which both partners will be able to learn from each other in order to make democracy promotion in the world even more effective. Poland is considered as a case study for this project. The case of Poland is interesting since this country used to be a benefactor of the American and European policies, while today it is active in the process of democracy promotion in the world itself.

Implementation period: April 2005 - March 2006

Source of funding: German Marshall Fund

Project: „Forum for the Future of Democracy in Europe”

Project coordinator: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The first phase of the project was devoted to the development of the concept of an institution to monitor the state of democracy in Europe for the Council of Europe. The IPA experts developed general assumptions of such a commission on request of the Office for International Contacts of the Sejm Chancellery. The concept was adopted by the Polish government as one of the initiatives during the Polish presidency of the Council. Professor Kolarska-Bobińska presented this concept at the Council of Europe symposium „Strengthening Democracy In Europe” hosted by the Sejm in February. This concept was later debated during the Council of Europe summit in May 2005.

In the second phase of the project the IPA experts assisted Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the preparation of the first Forum for the Future of Democracy in Europe. This forum was organised under the auspice of the Council of Europe and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in November 2005 in Warsaw. The topic of the meeting was citizens’ participation.

Implementation period: January – February, August - September 2005

Source of funding: the Chancellery of the Polish Sejm, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Project: “The observatory of European Union – Latin America relations”

Project coordinator: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

Following the enlargement of the European Union, Poland intensified its contacts with foreign policy analysts in the old and new member states. Within the framework of this process, in 2004 the IPA became a member of a consortium that encourages cooperation between research institutions and non-governmental organisations in European Union and Latin American countries.

Implementation period: November 2004 – November 2005

Source of funding: The European Commission

3. Effects and challenges of the Polish membership in the EU

Project: „New Modes of Governance”

Project supervision: Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Project coordination: Olga Napiontek, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

This project is part of the international research project New Modes of Governance. The IPA carries out research and analysis of the level of implementation of new modes of public tasks management (e.g. participatory governance, privatisation and marketisation of the state tasks, decentralisation of governance) in the new EU member states. The main research method we are applying is case studies of public institutions. We analyse the cultural, historical and social conditions of new modes introduction and the optimal ways of their implementation in Poland, Lithuania and Estonia. In 2005 we did research on the functioning of the Trilateral Commission. We analysed the process of public consultations during the works on the National Development Plan. The research results were presented at a conference in Berlin

Implementation period: September 2004 – September 2007

Source of funding: the European Commission, the VI Framework Programme

Project: „Non-governmental organisations in the European Referendum Campaign”

Project coordination: Mateusz Fałkowski, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

This project was devoted to the experience of Polish non-governmental organisations in the European Referendum campaign on 7-8 June 2003. We aimed to analyse their activities and make recommendations for future campaigns. The highlight of the project was a meeting of non-governmental organisations representatives from all over Poland.

Implementation period: March 2005

Source of funding: Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Project: “Time for Women”

Project coordinator: Danuta Guzik

The aim of this project was to promote the mobilisation of women in various areas of public life. We organised a conference in which 400 participants from all over the country took part. Participants of the conference developed a declaration “Women Now”.

Implementation period: May – June 2005

Source of funding: Office of the Representative for the Equal Status of Men and Women

Project: „The Polish ABC...”

Project coordination: Jarosław Cwiek-Karpowicz

The aim of the project was the preparation of a series of reports on the political, social, economic and cultural challenges Poland is currently facing.

Implementation period: July 2005 - December 2006

Source of funding: Dalkia Polska SA

Project: „The Polish Constitution and the EU membership”

Project coordination: Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

The aim of this project was raising public awareness about the necessity to introduce a number of amendments to the Polish Constitution following the EU accession. Such a need is entailed *inter alia* by the ruling of the Constitutional Tribunal on the European Arrest Warrant in May 2005. The IPA organised a conference attended by a number of experts and

Members of Parliament representing the main political parties. The participants discussed the possibilities and the scope of the EU-related amendments to the Constitution. The Conference materials are available on our web site.

Implementation period: November 2005 – December 2005

Source of funding: Konrad Adenauer Foundation

4. Implementation of the EU structural funds

Project: „The assessment of the pre-accession programme SAPARD implementation in Poland”

Project coordinator: Danuta Guzik

The goal of this international project was the comparative analysis of the implementation of the Polish agricultural and rural development policies within the framework of the SAPARD programme. The research findings were presented in a collective report in English. On 22 April 2005 a conference concluding the project was held in Sofia. We also published the conclusions and recommendations in our series “Analyses and Opinions.”

Implementation period: September 2004 – May 2005

Source of funding: European Institute in Bulgaria (Open Society Institute)

Project: „The process of demarginalisation of the Polish countryside. The role of assistance programmes, leaders, elites and non-governmental organisations”

Project coordination: Danuta Guzik, Marta Jasińska

The aim of this project was the analyses of the mechanisms encouraging and limiting the efficacy of educational, training and funding programmes directed towards rural areas in recent years. On the basis of this research we prepared recommendations allowing for better implementation of the funds intended for the countryside.

Implementation period: November 2004 - September 2005

Source of funding: Rural Development Foundation, Cooperation Fund

Project: „The final evaluation of the Programme for Activisation of Rural Areas”

Project coordination: Danuta Guzik

The aim of this project was to assess the Programme for Activisation of Rural Areas. We conducted qualitative and quantitative research and presented the outcome in the report on the final evaluation of the Programme. We held a conference concluding the project in September. The project was funded by the World Bank and carried out by a consortium comprising DORADCA Consultants, Ltd., Social Research Workshop, PROEKO Ltd. and the Institute of Public Affairs.

Implementation period: November 2004 – September 2005

Source of funding: Ministry of Agriculture

Project: „The analysis of the feasibility of introducing a regional system of structural funds implementation in Poland in 2007-2013”

Project coordination: Danuta Guzik, Marta Jasińska

This project was focused on the analysis of the introduction of the regional level into the system of structural funds management from the point of view of the effectiveness of the structural funds absorption in 2004-2006.

We also analysed the functioning of the integrated rural development operational system and the sector system activities which might become regionalised in the future. The IPA prepared and published an expert opinion and held a seminar on the evaluation of the cohesion policy in Poland in the first year of membership. We also held a public discussion on conditions for the cohesion policy implementation in Poland in 2006.

Implementation period: January 2005 - September 2005

Source of funding: the National Bank of Poland

Project: „Cohesion policy in support of growth and jobs: Community strategic guidelines, 2007-2013”

Project coordination: Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz

The aim of this project was the evaluation of the document „Cohesion policy in support of growth and jobs: Community strategic guidelines, 2007-2013” in the light of the strategic documents of the European Union. We developed an expert opinion for the Ministry of Economy and Labour, on the basis of which Tomasz Grosse prepared a policy brief for the series „Analyses and Opinions”.

Implementation period: August – September 2005

Source of funding: Ministry of Economy and Labour

Project: „From Farm to Fork. European experience in the implementation of veterinary and food safety requirements”

Project coordinator: Jordan Petrov

The aim of this international project was to analyse the experience of the new member states in the implementation of the EU food safety norms. The outcome of the project was a collective report in both English and Polish as well as an international conference concluding the project. The project was coordinated by the European Institute in Bulgaria.

Implementation period: May – October 2005

Source of funding: the European Commission

2. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Experts seminar „Attitudes of Poland and Poles to the United States of America”. The seminar was devoted to the discussion of the sources and manifestations Polish pro-Americanism. The IPA experts who co-authored the book „Bridges across the Atlantic. Attitudes of Poles, Checks, and Slovaks towards the United States” took part in this seminar, 15 February 2005.
- Conference on “the EU foreign policy and the Constitution” organised jointly with the Centre for Foreign Relations, 23 February 2005.
- Conference on “the Citizens of Europe. NGOs in the EU referendum campaign”. Its aim was to encourage non-governmental organisations outside Warsaw to disseminate information on the EU Constitutional Treaty in Poland, 21 March 2005.

- Conference on “The Polish strategy in Europe: goals and alliances” and the presentation of Andrzej Olechowski report “The Polish agenda in Europe”. The speakers included the then Minister of Foreign Affairs Adam Rotfeld, 19 April 2005.
- Seminar: „Are Poland and Poles pro-American?” and the presentation of the IPA publication „Bridges across the Atlantic. Attitudes of Poles, Checks, and Slovaks towards the United States”, 27 April 2005.
- International seminar opening the project “New Modes of Governance”, 10 March 2005.
- Seminar on „Democracy in Europe: a crisis or normality?” in the framework of the Youth Summit of the Council of Europe, 14 May 2005.
- Conference on “The evaluation of the Programme for Activisation of Rural Areas”, 2 June 2005.
- The „Time for Women!” conference, 11 June 2005.
- Conference on “Where is Europe headed?” – the debate on the future of Europe after the failed Dutch and French referendums. The speakers included the leader of the Committee for Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament Elmar Brok, 13 June 2005.
- Seminar on “Analysis of the possibilities of introducing a regional system of managing structural funds in Poland in 2007-2013”, 30 June 2005.
- Seminar on “Promotion of democracy as a common challenge for the United States and Europe in the 21st century” organised in the framework of the 15th Economic Forum in Krynica-Zdrój. The speakers included the Polish President Aleksander Kwaśniewski, 9 September 2005.
- Conference on „The European Union in the Polish countryside. The beginning of demarginalisation of the rural communities? ”, 29 September 2005.
- “The Future of Democracy Forum” organised by the Council of Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Institute of Public Affairs. The speakers included Timothy Garton Ash and the former Polish President Lech Wałęsa , 3-4 November 2005.
- Conference on “The Polish Constitution and the EU membership”, 1 December 2005.
- Seminar on „The new member states’ perceptions of the consequences of the French referendum” organised jointly with Notre-Europe in Paris, 9 December 2005.

3. PROGRAMME PUBLICATIONS

Book publications:

- Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Jacek Kucharczyk, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński (eds.), *Bridges Across the Atlantic? Attitudes of Poles, Czechs and Slovaks Towards the United States* (PL and ENG)
- Mateusz Fałkowski, Jacek Kucharczyk (eds.), *Citizens of Europe. The European Integration in the Polish public life.*

Expert opinions, research reports, recommendations (PL):

- Andrzej Olechowski, *The Polish Agenda in Europe*
- Collective work, *the Polish Policy towards Europe: goals and opportunities*
- Collective work, *The Process of Demarginalisation of the Polish Countryside. The role of the Assistance Programmes, leaders, elites and non-governmental organisations.*
- Collective work, *Analysis of the possibilities of introducing a regional system of managing structural funds in Poland in the years 2007-2013*

- Collective work *From Farm to Fork. European experience in veterinary and good safety requirements implementation* (PL and ENG)
- Analyses and Opinions (PL):
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*The Assessment of the SAPARD programme implementation in Poland*”, no. 30.
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*The Evaluation of the draft National Development Plan for 2007-2013*”, Analyses and Opinions no. 31.
- Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Jacek Kucharczyk, „*Decision on Europe*”, no. 32.
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*The Treaty will make us stronger*”, no. 33.
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*A New Approach to the Lisbon strategy. Can we overcome the contradictions of the contemporary European capitalism*,” no. 34.
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*The Evaluation of the National Development Plan for 2007-2013*”, Analyses and Opinions no. 36.
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*The State of the European integration after the EU summit and the French and Dutch referendums*”, no. 39.
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*Crisis in Europe as an opportunity*”, no. 40.
- Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz, „*Poland in the face of a terrorist attack*”, no. 46.
- Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse, „*Opinion on the European Commission Communiqué: Community Strategic Guidelines for 2007 – 2013*”, no. 47.
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*What will the new Polish Government's policy be in Europe after the parliamentary and presidential elections?*”, no. 50.

Other publications:

- Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Jacek Kucharczyk, „*Decision on Europe*”, (PL) in *Rzeczpospolita*, 25 January 2005.
- Michał Czaplicki, „*Review of the Process of the Constitutional Treaty Ratification in the EU member states. The state of affairs for 1 February 2005*,” (PL), February 2005 (www.isp.org.pl)
- Jan Barcz, „*Legal aspects of the entering into force of the Constitutional Treaty and consequences of its possible ratification failure*” (PL), (www.isp.org.pl)
- Jacek Kucharczyk, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*Commission for Monitoring Democracy in Europe*”, (PL) expert opinion for the Chancellery of the Polish Sejm.
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*The Treaty will make us stronger*”, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, 1 April 2005.
- „*Update on the Ratification Monitor - What Prospects for the EU Constitutional Treaty*”, European Policy Institutes Network, May 2005
- „*PASOS statement on the situation in Europe following the French and Dutch referendums*” June 2005 (www.isp.org.pl)
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, „*Was the first year of the EU membership Poland's success?*”, analysis for *E-gazeta*, Ministry of Economy and Labour newspaper, June 2005
- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz, „*European Neighbourhood Policy: Differentiation and Political Benchmarks*”, EuroMeSCo Paper no. 44, September 2005.
- Jacek Kucharczyk, „*Civic Participation In Europe. Background Paper for the Forum on the Future of Democracy of the Council of Europe*”, November 2005 (www.isp.org.pl)

- Mateusz Fałkowski, *Report on social dialogue in Poland (New Modes of Governance)*
- Rita Stafejeva, *Report on social dialogue in Lithuania (New Modes of Governance)*
- Erik Sootla, *Report on social dialogue in Estonia (New Modes of Governance)*

4. PARTICIPATION OF THE STAFF AND EXPERTS IN THE PROGRAMME RESULTS DISSEMINATION

Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

- Member of the Committee of Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- Member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Sociology
- Member of the Supervisory Council of the Central European University Foundation
- Member of the Consultation Committee the Polish Confederation of Private Employers
- Member of the Steering Committee of the “New Modes of Governance” project within the Sixth Framework project of the European Union
- Member of the Advisory Group on “Social Sciences and Humanities in the European Research Area” of the European Commission
- Member of the Council for Socio-economic Strategy, Cabinet of Ministers
- Member of the Presidential Reflection Group
- Member of the advisory committee on Governance and Anti-corruption in Europe and Central Asia of the Vice President of the World Bank
- Member of the Programme Board of the “Civil Service” periodical

Participation in conferences and seminars:

- Participation in the meeting of the Steering Committee of the „New Modes of Governance” project, Florence, January 2005.
- Participation in the conference on „The prevention of corruption - 5 years of experience”; a discussion forum on „What are the most urgent actions in order to limit corruption”, Batory Foundation, January 2005.
- Participation in the conference „The voice of business, my country, my region, my life”. A debate on the National Development Plan for 2007-2013, the Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*, February 2005.
- Advisory Group Meeting, SSHERA, Brussels, February 2005.
- Lecture for the European College “The Social Policy in Europe: is there a European social model?”, Natolin, 9 April 2005.
- Speech at the Finnish Embassy on „Poland’s ambitions in the EU a year after joining”, Warsaw, 14 April 2005.
- Chairing the conference on „Polish foreign policy: goals and alliances”, the IPA, 19 April 2005.
- Advisory Group Meeting , Brussels 20-21 April 2005.
- Opening of the seminar on “The role of the local government in citizens’ activation”, the IPA, 26 April 2005.

- ❑ Intervention „The EMP In the New context” during the EuroMeSCo conference on „EMP priorities: Gearing up to 2015”, Rabat, 29-30 April 2005.
- ❑ Opening of the seminar “The health system reform”, the IPA, 9 May 2005.
- ❑ Intervention in the debate on „the EU in 10 years – my vision”, during the conference on „A year in the EU: evaluation and the prospects for the business”, the Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*, Crakow, 20 May 2005.
- ❑ Speech on “The EU Integration as an opportunity for women’s professional development” at the conference on “Contemporary challenges and dilemmas of the female manager in public administrations”, the Office of Civil Service, May 2005
- ❑ Participation in the conference on „New Modes of Governance”, Florence, 30-31 May 2005.
- ❑ Moderation of a panel discussion during “Clean elections – clean public life”, S. Batory Foundation, the IPA, June 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the conference „Time for Women”, the IPA, Foundation for Entrepreneurship, June 2005.
- ❑ Opening of the conference „Where is Europe headed?”, the IPA, June 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the conference “Does the European Union need more democracy and if so, how much?”, Union&Poland Foundation, July 2005.
- ❑ Opening of the conference on “The changes in the system of local help for the family and child”, the IPA, Warsaw July 2005.
- ❑ Participation in a panel discussion on „The role of information systems in the management of the state and its relations with citizens”, Computerland, Economic Forum, Krynica, September 2005.
- ❑ Moderation of a panel discussion on „Democracy promotion as a challenge for the United States and the European Union in the 21st century”, the IPA, Economic Forum, Krynica, September 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the seminar on the influence of the outcomes of the Polish and German elections on the future of the European Union, organised by the club of French journalists „Club Grande Europe”, Paris, September 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the conference on “EU enlargement one year out”, the Institute for Foreign Relations, Prague, September 2005.
- ❑ Opening the conference on „Demarginalisation of the Polish countryside”, the IPA, - September 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the seminar „25 Years of Solidarity: The Road to a New Europe”, the Polish Embassy in Copenhagen, the Danish Institute of International Studies - October 2005.
- ❑ Opening the seminar on “Active citizen, modern electoral system”, the IPA – October 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the meeting of the EuroMeSCo Steering Group, Lisbon - November 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the seminar „The future of the Polish political scene”, the IPA - November 2005.
- ❑ Opening and chairing of the conference on „The Polish Constitution and the EU membership”, the IPA - December 2005.

- Opening and chairing of the conference on „European prospects of Turkey and Ukraine. The attitudes of the new member states towards the future enlargement”, the IPA - December 2005.
- Intervention at the conference on “Opinion polls after the year 2000 – the Polish pollsters’ democracy” University of Łódź – December 2005.
- Opening of the conference “School without private tutoring?”, the IPA - December 2005.

Books, articles and other publications:

- „The reversal of roles” in *Rzeczpospolita*, 02-03.05.05
- „Mr Speaker of Parliament, stay away from politics!” in: *Gazeta Wyborcza*, 18.07.05

A series of articles for the French newspaper *Les Echos*:

- „L`Union Européenne evolue, les peuples européens aussi” , *Les Echos*, 12.01.05
- „La Pologne partagée” , *Les Echos* ,16.02.2005
- „Si tout va mieux, pourquoi ça a l'air d'aller si mal?” , *Les Echos* , 23.03.2005
- „Quelle Pologne après la mort de Jean Paul II, *Les Echos* , 27.04.05
- “France et Pologne : le monde à l`envers”, *Les Echos* , 01.06.05
- “L'Europe continue à souffrir de ses préjugés”, *Les Echos*, 06.07.05
- “Le plafond de verre polonais” , *Les Echos*, 10.08.05
- “La Pologne 25 ans après: le changement ou la continuité?” , *Les Echos*, 14.09.05

Interviews and commentaries in the media:

Polish mass media:

- Press: *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Dziennik Łódzki*, *Gazeta Prawna*, among others
- Television: TVP 1 (“Wiadomości”, “Kawa czy herbata”, “Debata”, Forum), TVP 2 (Panorama, Linia specjalna), Polsat (Wydarzenia), TVP 3 („Echa dnia”, „Integracja”), TVN 24 („Wieczorny magazyn”)
- Radio: PR I, internet radio www.radio.pl , TOK FM, PR III, PIN FM, Radio Plus,

Foreign mass media

- Press: *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *The Associated Press*, *Le Soir i La Croix*, *El Pais*, *Reuters*, *The Washington Post*, *Le Monde*, *The Financial Times*
- Television: Finnish television YLE, ARTE Television, La Télévision Suisse Romande, BBC World Television
- Radio: Radio ARD, BBC, „Voice of America”

Dr Jacek Kucharczyk, Director for Programming

- Interim Chair of the Board of Directors of the *Policy Association for an Open Society PASOS*
- Representative of Poland in the contact group for non-governmental organisations of the World Bank (ECA NGO Working Group)

- ❑ Member of the Council for Cooperation with Non-governmental Organisations of Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ❑ Member of the board of the Association of Non-governmental Organisations "Abroad"
- ❑ Member of the editorial board of „European Political Science"
- ❑ Member of Experts' Council of the "Citizen and Law" programme run by the IPA and the Polish-American Freedom Foundation
- ❑ Member of the jury of the competition for the most client-friendly public administration institution of the Office of the Civil Service

Participation in conferences and seminars:

- ❑ Participation in the panel discussion on the role of non-governmental organisations in preventing corruption at the conference in the framework of the programme „Against Corruption", S. Batory Foundation, Warsaw, January 2005.
- ❑ Presentation on the chances of ratification of the Constitutional Treaty by Poland for the members of the diplomatic corps of the member states, Warsaw, February, 2005
- ❑ Preparation meeting of the project on monitoring corruption in structural funds, Riga, February, 2005.
- ❑ Chairing the conference on "Foreigners on the Polish labour markets", the IPA and the Polish Chamber of Commerce, March 2005
- ❑ Chairing the seminar on Poles' attitudes towards the USA, the IPA, Warsaw, April 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the panel discussion on "Poland a year after the accession to the EU" organised by *Gazeta Prawna*, May 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the OSI conference "LGI Biennale Jamboree for National Foundations and Professional Networks" and the Board meeting of *Policy Association for an Open Society* PASOS, Turkey, June 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the conference on "Sustainability of Civil Society Organizations – 3rd CSO Forum" under the auspice of the World Bank and the European Commission, Bratislava, June 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the selection process and training of young Russian political analysts, St. Petersburg, July 2005.
- ❑ Presentation for the members of the diplomatic corps of the Embassies of the 25 member states on the parliamentary elections results in Poland, September 2005.
- ❑ Presentation on the attitudes of Poles towards the American policy at the conference „Transatlantic Trends" German Marshall Fund and the Centre for Foreign Relations, Warsaw, 6 October 2005.
- ❑ Training seminar on „Ethics in public administration" for the Main Pharmaceutical Inspectorate staff, Warsaw, 11 October 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the presentation of the report on "The Monitoring of the presidential elections funding", Batory Foundation and the IPA, Warsaw, 14 October 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the works of the jury of the competition for the most client-friendly institution of public administration, The Office of the Civil Service, Warsaw, 24 October, 2005.
- ❑ Moderation of the panel discussion at the IPA conference on "Active citizens, modern electoral system", Warsaw, 27 October 2005.

- Participation as a Chair of the Board of Directors in the annual meeting of the members of the Policy Association for an Open Society PASOS, Brussels, 3-5 November 2005.
- Lecture on the Polish-American relations for the Network 20/20 delegation from the USA, Warsaw, 16 November 2005.
- Participation in the round table discussion on the opportunities of democratisation in Eastern Europe, organised by the PASOS and Radio Free Europe, Prague, 7 December 2005.

Articles and other publications:

- „New Party in Poland”, an analysis for *Oxford Analytica*, March 2005.
- „Belka will stay on until Autumn Elections”, an analysis for *Oxford Analytica*, May 2005.

Interviews and commentaries for the mass media:

- Press: *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Życie Warszawy*, *Dziennik Łódzki*, among others
- Radio: PR I („Sygnały dnia”), PR III („Puls Trójki”, elections evenings, „Salon polityczny”), BBC, TOK FM, PIN FM, Radio Polonia („Wieczory wyborcze”), Radiostacja, Radio Puls.
- Television: TV1 („Wiadomości”, „Telexpress” „Kawa czy herbata”), TV2 („Panorama”), TV3 („Rozmowa dnia”), TVN24 („Fakty”, 24 Godziny”), Polsat („Informacje”)

Foreign mass media:

- Press: Associated Press, Morgenavisen (Denmark), Pravda (Slovakia), Magazine Mo (Belgium).
- Radio: BBC Word Service (Great Britain), RFI (France), Danish Radio.
- Czech television

Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, analyst/programme coordinator

Participation in conferences and seminars:

- Participation in the inauguration conference of the Observatory of the Relations between the European Union and Latin America, Barcelona, 3-4 February 2005
- Presentation on the Constitutional Treaty, Economic Academy in Łódź, 5 March 2005
- Participation in the debate on „Does Europe need a constitution?”, organised by R. Schumann Foundation, 7 March 2005
- Participation in the panel discussion on „The EU foreign policy and the Constitutional Treaty”, Law Faculty, University of Warsaw, 17 March 2005
- Moderation of a panel discussion at the IPA conference „Citizens of Europe”, 21 March 2005
- Participation in the panel discussion on „The results of the first year of Poland’s membership in the EU” organised by the Graduate School of Humanities in Pułtusk, 25 April 2005

- Participation in the meeting on the financing instrument of the EU neighbourhood policy, Brussels, 3 May 2005
- Lecture on „Socio-political benefits of joining the EU”, Economic Academy in Katowice, 12 May 2005
- Study visit to Argentina in the framework of the Observatory of Relations between the European Union and Latin America, July – August 2005
- Lecture on „Transformation of the system in Central Europe”, Buenos Aires, 18 August 2005
- Intervention at the panel discussion on „The crisis of leadership in the European Union”, the Silesian University, 28 October 2005.
- Intervention at the discussion on „The Reform of the European Union”, Bydgoszcz, 5 November 2005.
- Participation in the conference on “New Modes of Governance”, Berlin, 9-10 December 2005.

Articles and other publications:

- „*The EU at the CHR: Time for an enlarged role*”, „*Human Rights Features*”, Geneva, March 2005

Interviews and commentaries for the media:

Polish mass media:

- Press: *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Dziennik Łódzki*, *Gazeta Polska Dziennik Polski*, *Ozon*, *Poland Monthly*, *Puls Biznesu*
- Radio: Informacyjna Agencja Radiowa, PR1, PR3, Radiostacja, Radio Zet, Radio Polonia, Radio PIN, 94 FM Antyradio

Foreign mass media:

- Press: Associated Press, *Morgenavisen* (Denmark), *Svenska Dageblade*, *B Dagen Nyheter* (Sweden), *Pravda* (Slovakia) *The Irish Times* (Ireland), *La Libre Belgique*, *Magazine Mo* (Belgium), *The Nation* (Thailand), *Gazeta Lwowska* (Ukraine). Commentaries for the press from Norway, Finland, Hungary, Moldova, South Korea and Libya.
- Radio: BBC World Service (Great Britain), RFI (France), NewsTalk Dublin (Ireland), Radio Journaal 1 (the Netherlands)
- Television: Armenian and Slovak (Slovak TV)

Mateusz Fałkowski, analyst/researcher

Articles and other publications:

- Chapter „Poles’ Attitudes towards the United States, Americans and transatlantic relations”, [in:] P. Kaczyński, L. Kolarska – Bobińska, J. Kucharczyk, *Bridges Across the Atlantic? Attitudes of Poles, Czechs and Slovaks Towards the United States*, the IPA, Warsaw 2005.

- „How to use others' good ideas. On the concepts of “good practice” and “success” in counteracting poverty and marginalisation”, *Polityka Społeczna* no. 5-6, 2005

Participation in conferences and seminars:

- Presentation on „Experiences of non-governmental organisation in the accession referendum campaign 2003 and recommendations for the referendum campaign in 2005”, the IPA conference, March 2005
- Presentation „the EU policy towards Eastern Europe from the point of view of Poland and Germany ” at the conference organised by Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Forum of Young Diplomats, Warsaw, April 2005.
- Presentation „Poland in the European Union – main problems and challenges” for a group of young Swedish diplomats, the IPA, Warsaw, April 2005.
- Presentation „The Attitudes of Poles towards the United States and transatlantic relations” at the conference „Attitudes of Poles, Slovaks and Checks towards the United States”, the IPA, Warsaw, May 2005.
- Participation in a panel discussion at the conference on „The EU policy towards Eastern Europe: opportunities and barriers of the Polish-German cooperation” organised by the Western Institute, Poznań, May 2005.
- Presentation „Poland in the EU. Awkward partner? Trojan Horse of America? Attitudes of Poles towards the European Union and the US” for the participants of a study visit organised by Ebert Foundation, Crakow, September 2005.
- Referendenzäsur: Neue Erwartungen anderer Staaten an die Rolle Deutschlands in Europa?“ at the conference „Deutschlands Rolle in der Europäischen Union“, Jahreskolloquium des Arbeitskreises Europäische Integration e.V., Berlin, November 2005
- Presentation „The Eastern Dimension of ENP and the role of the member states – the example of German-Polish cooperation” at the conference “In Search of an Effective EU Policy towards the Eastern Neighbours” organised by Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik and S. Batory Foundation, Berlin, November 2005

Interviews and commentaries in the media:

- Interviews and commentaries on the Polish and European policy towards Eastern Europe, the Polish policy towards the EU, Visegrad cooperation, attitudes of Poles towards the European integration and the United States for *Tygodnik Powszechny*, *AFP*, *Reuters*, *Gazeta Prawna*, *III Programme of the Polish Radio* among others.

Jarosław Ćwiek-Karpowicz, analyst/project coordinator

Articles and other publications:

- „Russian experts on the European Union during the presidency of Vladimir Putin”, *Międzynarodowy Przegląd Polityczny*, no. 12.

Interviews and commentaries in the media:

- Polskie Radio, Energy Intelligence (Moscow).

SOCIAL POLICY PROGRAMME

Programme supervisor: dr Marek Rymysza (programme director),

Team: Kamila Hernik (programme coordinator), dr Izabela Rybka, Grzegorz Makowski, Danuta Pławecka, Anita Sobańska.

The projects implemented by the Social Policy Programme in 2005 concentrated on four thematic areas:

1. Development of the civil society sector and its role in social policy
2. Social policy on the local level
3. New tendencies in social policy and employment policy
4. Industrial relations, social dialogue and entrepreneurship development

Numerical data on the projects

- ✓ Number of projects: 18
- ✓ Number of conferences and seminars: 19
- ✓ Number of print publications: 8

PROJECTS

1. DEVELOPMENT OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR AND ITS ROLE IN SOCIAL POLICY

Project: „Building friendly environment for the non-governmental sector in Poland – KOMPAS” (the leading project)

Project supervisor: dr Marek Rymysza

Project coordinator: Izabela Rybka

In this project we focus on the legislation regulating public benefit activity and voluntary work. The main aim of this project is to monitor forthcoming legislation pertaining to non-governmental organisations and to analyse the existing regulations. We also aim to establish a community of experts on the third sector in Poland.

Moreover, we examine issues of social economy and employment in the third sector, the process of granting the status of organisations of public benefit to NGOs, as well as policies of local governments towards non-governmental organisations. An integral part of the project is the publication of “The Third Sector” – a quarterly magazine, addressed to employees and voluntary workers of non-governmental organisations as well as people involved in research and scientific activity. Furthermore, we have initiated two so-called “strategic litigations”.

Implementation period: November 2003 - 30 September 2006

The source of funding: Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe and S. Batory Foundation

Project: „Monitoring the functioning of the Public Benefit Activity and Voluntary Work Act”

Project supervisor: dr Marek Rymsza

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

In this project we reviewed the implementation and functioning of the Public Benefit Activity and Voluntary Work Act. In result, the SPP experts completed a report on the cooperation between the civil society sector and public administration. The report reflects the outcome of our research conducted in 16 voivodships - interviews with officials and analysis of the documents regulating cooperation between NGOs and local government administration.

Implementation period: September 2004 – January 2005

Source of funding: Ministry for Social Policy

Project: „Commercial companies”

Project supervisor: dr Marek Rymsza

The aim of this project was to answer the question whether commercial companies can be granted the status of organisations of public benefits. The outcome of the project was the publication of an expert opinion in the series of the IPA analyses and opinions and in the quarterly magazine “The Third Sector” as well as an experts’ seminar on the topic.

Implementation period: January 2005

Source of funding: Ministry for Social Policy

Project: „The third sector’s sustainability index in Poland in 2004”

Project supervisor: dr Magdalena Dudkiewicz

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

The main aim of this project was expert evaluation of the condition of the third sector in Poland according to the methodology of the *Sustainability Index* – annual international analysis conducted by the United States Agency for International Development. We organised a panel discussion where experts presented their evaluation of the state of the third sector in Poland, taking into consideration a number of variables (legal environment, organisational capacities, financial sustainability, public relations, providing services, infrastructure, public image). The project was concluded with the preparation of a report.

Implementation period: November 2004 – March 2005

Source of funding: Management Systems International

Project: „Patterns of employment in the third sector – the analysis of flexible forms of employment and the prospects of their implementation in civil society organisations”

Project supervisor: dr Ewa Bogacz-Wojtanowska

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

In this project we aimed to identify and describe the employment models in the non-governmental sector, with particular emphasis on the preferred forms of employment. Our goals were also to identify career paths in NGOs as well as initiate the debate on *flexicurity* in Poland on the basis of the examples of the third sector employment patterns. We conducted research of primary and secondary source materials, prepared an experts’ seminar as well

as conducted qualitative research (focus group interviews in four groups of NGOs employees who belong to social groups defavourised on the regular labour market). The outcome of the project was presented at the V Convention of the Movement against Social Helplessness in Krakow.

Implementation period: July 2005 – January 2005

Sources of funding: Ministry for Labour and Social Policy (government's programme Civic Initiatives Fund)

Project: „Local councillors and cooperation between NGOs and public administration”

Project supervisor: Magdalena Dudkiewicz

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

This project was a follow-up to our earlier research on the relations between the public and non-governmental sectors as well as on the implementation of Public Benefit Activity and Voluntary Work Act. Our research covered not only legal aspects of NGOs' activity but also issues connected with social practice, and the perception of the third sector by local councillors. The project concluded with the presentation of the final report at our seminar.

Implementation period: September 2005 – December 2005

Sources of funding: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Project: „The third sector's sustainability index in Poland in 2005”

Project supervisor: Agnieszka Rymsza

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik.

This is the second edition of the project on NGOs' sustainability index sponsored by USAID. The main aim is the expert evaluation of the state of the third sector in Poland according to the methodology of the *Sustainability Index*, an annual international research project. As part of this project we organised an experts panel discussion.

Implementation period: October 2005 – February 2006

Sources of funding: Management Systems International

1.3. SOCIAL POLICY ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

Project: „Towards family foster care for children” (the leading project)

Project supervisor: dr Mariola Raclaw-Markowska

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

The aim of this project was popularisation of extra-institutional forms of foster care for children. In 2005 the SPP focused on the information campaign on family foster care within which a series of seminars on the topic was organised. We also conducted empirical research on the lives of children in foster care institutions and the role of various institutions participating in this process.

The research findings, as well as conclusions and recommendations for the system of child and family help were presented on our conference. We also published 2 books within this project.

Implementation period: June 2004 – August 2005

Sources of funding: Bank PEKAO S.A.

Project: „Efficiency of family and child care system”

Project supervisor: prof. Anna Kwak

Project coordinator: Anita Sobańska

This project was the continuation of our work on the analysis of the reformed system of child and family care on the local level. Its aim was to examine and compare the processes of becoming independent by children raised up by foster families and foster care institutions in four counties. In order to do that we conducted interviews and examined documentation of institutions responsible for foster children. Moreover, we held several seminars in the course of this project. In 2006 we will organise a closing seminar and prepare a report comprising the research findings and recommendations for improving the system of child and family care.

Implementation period: September – December 2005

Sources of funding: Ministry for Work and Social Policy

Project: „Towards a local government model of health care system”

Expert carrying out the project: dr Maciej Dercz

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

The aim of the project was to develop a local government model of health care and to initiate a public debate. We prepared an expert opinion on this issue and presented it at our seminar attended by social scientists, social partners, representatives of political parties and other stakeholders.

Implementation period: March 2005 – May 2005

Sources of funding: the IPA resources

3. NEW TENDENCIES IN THE SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Project: „Towards a new Polish model of social economy – building a new Lisków” (the leading project)

Project supervisor: dr Marek Rymsza

Project coordinator: Danuta Pławecka

The aim of this project is to develop a Polish model of social economy. Our objective was to develop a model strategy to encourage local communities to establish social enterprises and then test this model in practice. During the first phase, the main task for SPP and our project partners was a review of social economy resources in two voivodships. We also needed to identify and involve local partners.

As the project administrator, the IPA is responsible not only for the administration of all Partnership's activities, but also for the dissemination of research findings and for cooperation with foreign partners from Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. Moreover, the IPA carries out research and analysis.

Implementation period: November 2004 – June 2008

Sources of funding: European Social Fund and the Polish Government resources – Community Initiative EQUAL

Project: „Social security system and the flexibility of labour markets”

Project supervisor: dr Marek Rymysza

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

This project aimed to determine the direction Poland should choose regarding a general strategy of labour market formation, labour conditions as well as legal regulations in this area. We collected and analysed statistical data regarding the scale of atypical forms of employment in Poland and focused on the dynamics and prognosis for the nearest future. We also prepared expert opinions on the legal changes in the area of labour law and social insurance law in Poland, which were presented on our conference and published as a book.

Implementation period: November 2004 – September 2005

Sources of funding: The Polish Chamber of Commerce, Insurance and Reinsurance Association WARTA

Project: „Flexible forms of employment – a chance for professional integration of disabled youth”

Project supervisor: dr Ewa Giermanowska

Project coordinator: Grzegorz Makowski

This project is aimed at improving employment chances of young disabled people in Poland. Our target is to analyse professional skills and needs of this social group as well as the existing capacity for development via flexible forms of employment. In Poland research on this issue was never conducted before in a systematic way. Our project is based on a series of qualitative and quantitative research studies covering the young disabled people as well as social services, employment agencies, key persons in local governments and local enterprises. We will also prepare a number of expert opinions on the social situation and employment of the disabled youth. We expect that expert opinions and analyses will provide the institutions responsible for the disabled youth policy development with valuable knowledge and thus help to improve the planning and implementation of their activities.

Implementation period: July 2005 – January 2007

Sources of funding: European Social Fund

4. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Project: „Building the social dialogue capacity”

Expert carrying out the project: Jan Czarzasty

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

This undertaking was part of an international research project. We aimed to contribute to the development of social dialogue (and in particular, promoting employment, better working conditions and building industrial relations open to cooperation between social partners). We carried out research with social partners regarding the creation of optimal conditions for the development of social dialogue in Poland as a new member state in the European Union. A series of seminars were organised. The final empirical research findings were presented at the concluding seminar in September.

Implementation period: January 2005 –September 2005

Sources of funding: European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions

Project: „The development of social dialogue on the regional level”

Project supervisor: dr Jacek Sroka

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

In this project we aimed to describe and analyse the structure of network connections on the basis of the examination of social dialogue process on the local level. The project was a follow-up to our research on social dialogue carried out in 2004. Experts involved in this project have analysed the activities of social dialogue committees in eight voivodships. The project concluded with a conference under the auspice of the Ministry for Work and Social Policy.

Implementation period: November 2004 – January 2006

Sources of funding: Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Project: „Polish Centre for Monitoring Industrial Relations”

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

This is the fourth edition of industrial relations monitoring project in Poland. In this capacity we prepare expert individual and comparative analyses. The project is a part of a wider programme, the European Industrial Relations Observatory. The beneficiaries of the programme are government representatives, and employer and employee organisations at the national and European levels.

Implementation period: March 2005 – February 2006

Sources of funding: European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions

Project: „Labour time in the Polish legislation”

Project supervisor: Anna Iwaniuk

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

The aim of this project was to collect and analyse information on how labour time is regulated by the Polish legislation.

Implementation period: February 2005 – March 2005

Sources of funding: European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

Project: „DIOSCURI. East and West — mutual opening and encounter between economic cultures”

Project supervisor (for Poland): prof. Jacek Kochanowicz

Project coordinator: Kamila Hernik

The aim of the project is the identification and analysis of the contrasts between two economic cultures: Eastern and Western European. Four countries of Central-Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia) and four countries of South-Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Serbia) take part in the project. We carry out research in three thematic areas: governance, enterprise and economy. In the year 2005 we focused on field research and the preparation of initial analyses.

Implementation period: June 2004 – July 2007

Sources of funding: European Commission – VI Framework Programme

2. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- ❑ Experts seminar on „Should it be possible for commercial companies to be granted the status of public benefit organisations?” prepared as part of „ Building friendly environment for the non-governmental sector in Poland – KOMPAS”, 13 January 2005.
- ❑ Working seminar entitled: “The structure of network connections based on Regional Commissions on Social Dialogue.” The aim of this meeting was to discuss the initial conclusions from research on Regional Commissions on Social Dialogue, 14 January 2005.
- ❑ Seminar organised as part of the project “Towards family foster care for children.” The aim of the seminar was to analyse the status of foster families in the practices of social help up to date and to develop suggestions regarding building partnerships in the local environment , 21 January 2005.
- ❑ Expert seminar on „The opportunities and barriers for the development of social economy in Poland”. During this seminar basic concepts statistical data pertaining to social economy (in Poland and the world) were presented and discussed , 28 January 2005.
- ❑ Seminar on „Social capital – social enterprise – socio-economic development”, 4 March 2005.
- ❑ Seminar on „Social enterprise – contemporary Polish experience”. This was one in the series of seminars of the project „Towards the Polish model of social economy – building a new Lisków”. The IPA partners from the national and local levels took part in this meeting , 4 March 2005.
- ❑ Seminar on “Assistance for families in the local environment: social workers and foster families in the face of changes in the system of assistance and care.” The aim of the seminar was to analyse and evaluate the practice of placing children in foster homes as well as highlighting the obstacles for the effective functioning of the system of child care , 20 April 2005.
- ❑ Seminar on “Social work and social capital: methods of community development and community capacity building.” The presentation on the fundamental ideas on the development of local communities by a British expert was followed by experts discussion, 22 April 2005.
- ❑ Seminar on „Towards a local government model of health care system”. The aim of the seminar was to present and discuss the changes in the health care system proposed by dr Maciej Dercz. Representatives of main political parties participated in the panel discussion, 9 March 2005.
- ❑ Conference concluding the initial phase of the project „Towards the Polish model of social economy – building a new Lisków”, 24 May 2005.
- ❑ Seminar „Social economy as a new form of civic activity in legal-economic systems in Europe”, organised jointly with the Ombudsman’s Office and Ministry of Finance, 16 June 2005.
- ❑ Expert seminar devoted to the discussion of legal provisions concerning documentation requirements for public tasks implementation, 13 July 2005.
- ❑ Conference concluding the project „Towards family forms of foster child care”, 14 July 2005.
- ❑ Expert seminar devoted to the ambiguities in possible interpretation of legal regulations concerning NGOs in the Personal Data Protection Act, 22 July 2005.

- Working seminar on “Flexible forms of employment – a chance for professional integration of disabled youth”, 7 September 2005.
- Legislation session during the IV National Forum for Non-governmental Initiatives titled „Legislation – not just the public benefit activity act”, 23 September 2005.
- Conference „Changes in the system of local help for family and child”, 18 October 2005.
- The V Convention of the Movement against Social Helplessness: “Social Economy and helplessness” jointly prepared with the Ombudsman’s Office and Ministry of Economy, Cracow, 10 November 2005.
- Seminar concluding the „Patterns of employment in the third sector” project, during which the research findings were presented, December 2005.

3. PROGRAMME PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

- Mariola Raclaw-Markowskiej (ed.) *Family and Child Help in the Local Environment. Debate on the New System* (PL),.
- Marek Rymsza (ed.) *Flexible Labour Market and Social Security. Flexicurity the Polish Way*, (PL).
- Magdalena Arczewska, *Not Just One Legal Act. Law on Non-governmental Organisations*, (PL).

Expert analyses, research reports and recommendations

- *The III SEKTOR* quarterly, no. 2, March 2005
- *The III SEKTOR* quarterly, no. 3, September 2005

Analyses and Opinions:

- „*Commercial companies should not be granted the status of public benefit organisations*”, (PL), no. 35.
- „*The reformed system of the child and family help*”, (PL), no. 41.
- „*The local government system of health care*”, (PL), no. 43.

4. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE STAFF AND EXPERTS IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE PROGRAMME RESULTS

Marek Rymsza:

- Chairing seminars and conferences organised by SPP.
- Participation in the meeting of the Committee on Local Funds Programme, the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland, 6 January 2005.
- Participation in the seminar establishing a supranational partnership in Brussels – the project titled „Towards the Polish model of social economy – building new Lisków”, 7-8 February 2005.
- Participation as the IPA representative in the meeting of the Social Council of the 1% Campaign, carried out by the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland, 16 March 2005.

- Participation in the conference „Social Economy in the National Development Plan 2007-2013”, SKES (Regular Conference on Social Economy), Warsaw, 22 March 2005.
- Participation, as a representative of the IPA, in the Steering Committee of the National Development Plan, 12 April 2005.
- Moderation of the panel discussion „Barriers to civic activity and ways of overcoming them”, the Office of the Ombudsman, 14 April 2005.
- Participation in seminar at S. Batory Foundation, attended by KOMPAS project partners; presentation of the IPA research findings concerning cooperation between public administration and non-governmental organisations, Warsaw, 26 April 2005.
- Participation in a panel discussion at the international conference on inter-sectoral cooperation, European Institute, Łódź, 20 May 2005.
- Participation in the Council meeting of the Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations WRZOS, 23 May 2005.
- Participation in a panel discussion at the Ministry of Social Policy’s conference on „Law on public benefit activity and voluntary work in the light of research”, 15 June 2005.

Kamila Hernik

- Presentation of the IPA project at the training seminar for the „EQUAL” project participants, Warsaw, 11 April 2005.
- Participation in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the National Development Plan for 2004 – 2006, Warsaw, 8 June 2005,
- Participation in the “Law on public benefit activity and voluntary work in the light of research” conference, Ministry of Social Policy, Warsaw, 15 June 2005.
- Participation in the Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the National Development Plan for 2004 – 2006, 21 September 2005.
- Participation in the annual meeting of 25 centres monitoring economic relations on request of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Work and Life Conditions - 10-11 November 2005, Dublin.
- Presentation of the results of the KOMPAS project at a meeting of organisations carrying out the “Third Sector” programme, S. Batory Foundation and the Trust for Civil Society Rynia, 28-29 November 2005.
- Participation in the Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the National Development Plan for 2004 –2006, Warsaw, 21 December 2005.

Izabela Rybka

- Intervention at the National Forum for Non-governmental Initiatives, Warsaw, 23-24 September 2005.
- Presentation of the KOMPAS project results during the meeting of organisations carrying out the „Third Sector” Programme, Rynia, 28-29 November 2005.

Magdalena Arczewska, Grzegorz Makowski

- Participation in meeting of the Council for Public Benefit Activity.

- ❑ Participation in the conference on “The Law on Public Benefit Activity and Voluntary Work in the light of the research”, Ministry of Social Policy, Warsaw, 15 June 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the National Forum for Non-governmental Initiatives, Warsaw, 23-24 September 2005.
- ❑ Presentation of the KOMPAS project results during the meeting of organisations carrying out the „Third Sector” Programme, Rynia, 28-29 November 2005.
- ❑ Intervention at the conference on “Transparency in cooperation between local governments and non-governmental organisations”, 1 December 2005.

Magda Dudkiewicz

- ❑ Presentation of the KOMPAS programme results at the meeting of the organisations carrying out the “Third Sector” Programm, Rynia, 28-29 November 2005.

Jan Czarzasty, expert

- ❑ Participation in the international seminar on the social dialogue capacity in the EU member-states and candidate states, Riga, March 2005.
- ❑ Participation in the international conference on the social dialogue capacity in the EU member-states and candidate states, Bucharest ,15-16 September 2005.

Rafał Towalski, expert

- ❑ Participation in the international seminar on industrial relations, Ljubljana, 11-15 May 2005.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Programme supervision: Prof. dr hab. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska

Programme coordination: Anita Sobańska

In previous years our Education Programme focused on monitoring the changes in the educational system and developing recommendations for its improvement. This year, the aim of the Education Programme was to initiate debates on important educational issues and participate in the reform of the core-curriculum.

Our most important achievements in 2005 included the development of a new general education core-curriculum and submitting it for broad social consultation. If Ministry of Education adopts our project, it will considerably influence the educational practice in Poland.

In addition, we were dealing with the problem of increasing popularity of private tutoring in schools, issues of teachers' professional training and state policy towards universities.

Key Figures:

- ✓ Number of projects: 5
- ✓ Number of conferences and seminars: 5
- ✓ Number of publications: 10

1. PROJECTS

Project: Evaluation of the system of training and professional improvement of teachers

Project coordination: Anita Sobańska

The aim of this project was to disseminate the results of two studies for Ministry of National Education and Sport conducted in 2004:

1. „The quality of teacher training in Poland”
2. „The system of methodological counselling”

We published two reports comprising conclusions and recommendations for educational policy makers. These results were the basis for the discussion at our seminar jointly organised with the Centre for Teacher Professional Training.

Source of funding: Ministry of National Education and Sport, the Centre for Teacher Professional Training

Implementation period: September 2004 - May 2005

Project: „Models of state policy towards universities”

Project coordination: Anita Sobańska

If higher education institutions are to play the leading role in building knowledge society and economy, they need to be adaptable to the quick pace of the changing world.

The aim of this project was an interdisciplinary analysis of personnel and financial policy towards universities. We based our study on the experience of Western European countries with references to the Polish situation. We hope that our publication will invigorate the debate on the necessary changes in the higher education.

Source of funding: the IPA own resources

Implementation period: March – September 2005

Project: „Monitoring of private tutoring”

Project supervision: prof. Elżbieta Putkiewicz, dr Barbara Murawska

Project coordination: Anita Sobańska

This project was continuation of an international project started in 2003 by the Open Society Institute. Its aim was to compare the scale and key features of private tutoring on the level of secondary school in 10 countries from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The research findings will be published in the OSI international report in March 2006.

Source of funding: S. Batory Foundation/Open Society Institute

Implementation period: August 2003 – September 2005

Project: „New core-curriculum proposal”

Kierownik projektu: prof. Krzysztof Konarzewski

Koordinator projektu: Anita Sobańska

Ministry for National Education commissioned the IPA to develop a proposal for the core-curriculum and carry out a broad public consultation on it. The starting point for this proposal was the IPA research findings for Ministry of Education (2003/2004): *Core-curriculum – the desired direction of change*.

A team of six experts worked on the proposal for the new core-curriculum. They worked in a transparent way and the results of their work were presented at our discussion forum on our web site www.isp.org.pl/podstawa. During this social consultation reviewers and forum participants shared about one thousand of recommendations and opinions with our experts. After analysing all the suggestions, a team of five coordinators prepared the final version of the proposal. The proposal was then presented at the press conference attended by Minister for Education.

Source of funding: Ministry of National Education and Sport

Implementation period: September 2004 – September 2005

Project: School without private tutoring?

Project supervision: prof. Elżbieta Putkiewicz

Project coordination: Anita Sobańska

After publishing conclusions and recommendations from the first comprehensive study on private tutoring in Poland, the IPA initiated a discussion on the complex issue of the reasons, scope and consequences of this phenomenon. We hoped to draw the attention of the educational community and educational policy makers to different aspects of the private tutoring aside from broadening students' knowledge, such as corruption, increasing shadow

economy or deepening educational inequalities. The project attracted a lot of genuine interest and attention from the educational community and the media.

Source of funding: the World Bank

Implementation period: July 2005 – December 2005

2. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Seminar on “The system of teacher training – evaluation and the direction of changes” (jointly with the Centre Teacher Professional Training) – Warsaw, 30 May, 2005.
- Two working seminars on reforming the core-curriculum for general education. Participants included members of working groups and external consultants, Warsaw, 27 May and 4 June 2005.
- Press conference on “The Proposal for a new Core-curriculum for general education – what’s next?” Participants discussed the provisions and the structure of the IPA proposal, its impact on the improvement of school education and the ways of its implementation by Ministry of Education. Speakers included Minister and deputy Minister for Education, Warsaw, 28 October 2005,
- Conference on “School without private tutoring?”, Warsaw, 9 December 2005.

3. PROGRAMME PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- Dominik Antonowicz, *Models of State Policy Towards Universities*
- Elżbieta Putkiewicz, *Private tutoring – shadow educations.*

Expert opinions, research reports, recommendations

- Elżbieta Putkiewicz, Barbara Murawska, Roman Dolata, *Support for professional development and teachers’ needs.*
- Anna Wilkomirska, *The Evaluation of teacher training in Poland.*
- Krzysztof Konarzewski, Ewa Bartnik, Alina Kowalczykova, Tomasz Merta, Zbigniew Marciniak, *The New General Education Core-Curriculum.*
- Krzysztof Konarzewski (ed.) *The New General Education Core-Curriculum – the working version to be submitted to public consultations.*

Analyses and Opinions (PL)

- Roman Dolata, “The most important challenges for the Polish educational system”, no. 45.
- Marta Zahorska, Dominika Walczak, “The Polish education system and the labour markets in the EU”, no. 52.
- Elżbieta Putkiewicz, “Private tutoring – shadow education”, no. 56.

Others

- Elżbieta Putkiewicz, Barbara Murawska, *Private Tutoring in Poland*, unpublished report in English (for the international OSI publication)
- Elżbieta Putkiewicz, Anna Wiłkomirska, *Comments on the Ministry of Education draft decree on the standards in education*.

4. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE STAFF AND EXPERTS IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE PROGRAMME RESULTS

Anita Sobańska, coordinator

- Working seminar on "Writing Effective Policy Papers" as part of the international project "Monitoring of the private tutoring", Baku , 25-29 March 2005.
- Working seminar on "Developing Advocacy Strategies and Tools for Policy Action" as part of the international project "Monitoring of the private tutoring", Istanbul, 6-9 June 2005.

Prof. Krzysztof Konarzewski, expert

Interventions and articles on the core-curriculum reform:

- Polish Mathematical Society, Warsaw, 29 January.
- Teachers of Philosophy Association, Opole, 17 March 2005.
- Teachers of Music Conference, Kraków, 18 March 2005.
- Meeting of school directors, Łódź, 24 March 2005.
- Meeting at the board of editors' of "Fizyka w Szkole", Warsaw, 29 March 2005.
- Teachers' conference, Siedlce, 1 April 2005.
- Meeting of Krakow Branch of Teachers of Mathematics Association, 18 April 2005.
- "In the corset of contradictions", *Gazeta Szkolna*, no. 16, 19 April 2005.
- Meeting with teachers at the pedagogical faculty of Bydgoszcz Academy, 2 June 2005
- Meeting with physicists of the Polish Physicists', 8 June 2005.
- National Meeting of Teachers and Consultants for music, crafts and fine arts, Cracow, 16 June 2005.
- Discussion with the Senat representatives on the scope of crafts at school, Warsaw, 20 July 2005.
- "The beginnings of the core-curriculum" in *Głos Nauczycielski* 21/2005 , 25 May 2005.
- Debate on "The new core-curriculum – a remedy or placebo?", *Głos Nauczycielski*, 18 November 2005.
- "About the new core-curriculum in the old way" in *Gazeta Szkolna* nr 46, 15 November 2005.
- Forum of Non-public Education, Międzyzdroje, 25 November 2005.

Prof. Elżbieta Putkiewicz, expert

- Presentation on “Private tutoring in Poland” at the 49th Annual Conference of Comparative and International Educational Society, Stanford University, 22-26 March 2005.
- Lecture for teachers “Are Didactics Consultant necessary?” *Centre for Teacher Professional Training*, Warsaw, 19 April.
- Open Society Institute Education Conference 2005, participation in a panel discussion on the private tutoring phenomenon, Budapest, 30 June – 3 July 2005.
- Presentation on “Vocational development support facilities for teachers” at the 30th Annual Conference of Association for Teacher Education in Europe, Amsterdam, 22 -27 October 2005.
- “School vs. private tutoring” an interview for *Rzeczpospolita*, 22 November 2005.
- Jointly with R. Dolata: “Teachers’ Support for the New Secondary School Certificate Examination” in *Teacher Education Between Theory and Practice. The End of Theory...The Future of Practice?* ATEE, Milan.
- Participation in the meeting of education centres network of the Open Society Institute, “Education Policy Transformation and the Role of Education Policy Center” and presentation of the IPA activity on the reform of the core-curriculum for general education, Vilnius, 11-12 November 2005.
- Interview for the Radio *Niepokalanów* on the private tutoring phenomenon, 1 December 2005.
- “Support for teacher professional development, training seminar of the Centre for Teacher Professional Training,” Sulejówek, 6-7 December 2005.
- *School without private tutoring?* debate on Radio BIS, 9 December 2005.
- Statements on the effects of the IPA work for *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Rzeczpospolita*, Radio TOK FM, Radio BIS.

Dr Barbara Murawska, expert

- Presentation on “Chances for school success and the kindergarten accessibility. General kindergarten education for 3-5 year-old children as a chance for success at school” Comenius Foundation for Children Development and Ministry for Education, Warsaw, 20 January 2005.
- Presentation on “Kindergarten and school start” at the conference at the Office of Ombudsman, Warsaw, February 2005.
- “The Problem of Social Segregations in Teacher Training”, in *Teacher Education: Between Theory and Practice*, Association for Teacher Education in Europe, ATEE, Milan.
- Presentation on “Analysis of teachers’ professional needs”, at the 30th Annual Conference of Association for Teacher Education in Europe, Amsterdam, 22-27 October 2005.

Dr hab. Marta Zahorska, expert

- Meeting with officials responsible for education from Gansu province of China devoted to the educational reform in Poland, Warsaw, 5 July 2005.

Dr Roman Dolata

- Barbara Murawska, Roman Dolata, "Analysis of teachers` professional needs", at the 30th Annual Conference of Association for Teacher Education in Europe, Amsterdam.
- Jointly with E. Putkiewicz, "Teachers' Support for the New Secondary School Certificate Examination" in *Teacher Education Between Theory and Practice. The End of Theory...The Future of Practice?* ATEE, Milan.

Dr Małgorzata Żytka

- *Issues concerning small children*, training seminar, of the Centre for Teacher Professional Development, Sulejówek, 6-7 December 2005.

MIGRATION AND EASTERN POLICY PROGRAMME

Programme supervision: dr Jacek Kucharczyk

Projects coordination: Justyna Frelak

The Migration and Eastern Policy Programme aims to respond to the contemporary challenges posed by the intensified mobility of people and the further EU enlargement. In 2005 we focused on such issues as migrants on the Polish labour market and the demand for their work, eastern Polish borders as the external EU borders, anti-discrimination policy towards foreigners, and the further EU enlargement. Moreover, for the first time we organised internships for the third sector representatives from Russia.

Our probably greatest accomplishment this year was our active participation in the public debates on economic migration in Poland and recommendations for the visa policy of new Member States.

Key figures:

- ✓ number of projects: 11
- ✓ number of publications: 11
- ✓ number of conferences and seminars: 7

1. PROJECTS

Project: „The demand for foreign workers in Poland”

Project coordination: Justyna Frelak

The aim of this project was a comprehensive analysis of the demand for foreign labour in Poland from the point of view of the needs of the Polish economy. Our expert opinion comprised the analysis of such issues as the existing legal rules regulating the employment of foreigners, programmes and regulations in other European countries, and bilateral employment agreements.

The final part of the project was a conference devoted to our expert opinion recommendations “Foreigners on the Polish and European labour markets”. The participants also discussed such issues as migration management, economic migration in the EU and the experience of migrants on the Polish labour market.

Implementation period: November 2004 – March 2005

Source of funding: The Polish Chamber of Commerce

Project: „Regulation of economic migration – challenges for Ukraine in the context of the Polish experience”

Project coordination: Justyna Frelak

The aim of this project, jointly run with the Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine, was to prepare recommendations for the Ukrainian authorities in the field

of regulation of the status of economic migrants from Ukraine in the EU member states. These recommendations were based on the Polish economic migration experience in Western Europe and the Ukrainian migration experience in Poland. The results of the research, analyses and recommendations were presented at the international conferences in Warsaw and Kiev.

Implementation period: June 2004 – September 2005

Source of funding: The PAUCI

Project: „European Migration Dialogue”- integration policy for immigrants

Project coordination: Justyna Frelak,

This project, coordinated by Migration Policy Group, was aimed to establish a European network of non-governmental organisations dealing with migration. The IPA and the Centre for International Relations coordinated the project in Poland. The aims of cooperation in the European Migration Dialogue were to initiate and promote the debate on migration and migration policy as well as encourage and strengthen the dialogue and information and experience exchange.

We organised a panel discussion at the conference on “Foreigners on the Polish and European labour markets”. We also published a book titled *Immigration and integration debates in Poland*, co-authored by K. Iglicka, P. Kaźmierkiewicz, A. Weiner. The publication can be downloaded from our web site.

Implementation period: June 2004 – September 2005

Source of funding: Migration Policy Group

Project: „Immigration as a strategy for the development of the New Europe. Immigrants on the Polish labour market after the EU accession”

The aim of this project was to change the situation of migrants and initiate a public debate on this topic. We interviewed migrants and workers on the labour market situation and prepared a seminar on this issue. The Civic Club Foundation, which coordinated this project, also organised a number of seminars and a conference.

Implementation period: January 2005 – December 2006

Source of funding: the Dutch Embassy, the Visegrad Fund

Project: “The study on the feasibility of consular and visa cooperation between the members of the Visegrad Group in respect to Ukrainian and Moldovan citizens”

Project supervisor: Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz

Project coordinator: Justyna Frelak

The aim of this study was to test the political and administrative preparedness for the cooperation between the Visegrad countries in the field of visa policy and consular service.

Our research helped to highlight the problems and opportunities of the cooperation in this field. The research findings were published in the reports prepared by all the partners. The project concluded with the publication of a book and presentation of the project findings in all the countries of the project partners.

The project was jointly implemented by EUROPEUM - Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic, Centre for Policy Studies (Budapest), Slovak Foreign Policy Association

(Bratislava), International Centre for Policy Studies (Kiev) and Institute for Public Policy (Chisinau).

Implementation period: September 2004 – November 2005

Source of funding: OSI-LGI

Project: „European prospects of Ukraine and Turkey”

Project supervisor: Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz

Project coordinator: Justyna Frelak

This project aims to analyse and compare the debates on the EU accession of Ukraine and Turkey in four new member states. After the preparation of initial analyses we held a series of so called round tables and a conference in Warsaw. At the conference in Brussels planned for March 2006, we will present the project final findings to the general public.

The project is coordinated by the IPA and implemented jointly with EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic), the Center for Policy Studies (Budapest), the Peace Institute (Ljubljana) in the framework of the Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS).

Implementation period: April 2005 – April 2006

Source of funding: LGI - OSI

Project: „European dilemmas: political, institutional and social discrimination”

Project supervision: prof. dr hab. Joanna Kurczewska

Project coordination: Justyna Frelak

The main aim of this international project is to analyse the social and economic situation of immigrants in Poland after the accession to the EU and to compare it with other countries. We expect that this project will help to counter racism and xenophobia. The IPA presented the findings of the project to the representatives of the European Commission. We also had a presentation of our report on the situation of migrants on the Polish labour market at our seminar in Warsaw. Moreover, we have prepared several reports on the public and political discourse on migration in Poland.

Implementation period: June 2004 – January 2006

Source of funding: European Commission (the V Framework Programme)

Project: „Study programme for young Russian public policy analysts”

Project supervisor: Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz

Project coordinator: Justyna Frelak

This project aims to enhance the analytic skills and disseminate knowledge on the changes in Poland after 1989 among future Russian opinion leaders. We have conducted a series of training seminars and prepared 2 study visits in Poland, jointly with a St. Petersburg think-tank STRATEGIA.

Implementation period: April 2005 – January 2006

Source of funding: National Endowment for Democracy

Project: “Improving the procedure of immigration policy implementation in Ukraine. The EU experience in executing readmission agreements”

Project supervisor: Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz

Project coordinator: Justyna Frelak

The aim of this project is to improve migration management in Ukraine via dissemination of knowledge and experience regarding readmission agreements. We will present recommendations for Ukraine on the basis of Poland’s experience and cooperation with neighbouring countries in this field. The project involves a series of seminars in Poland and Ukraine, an international conference, a training seminar for Ukrainian officials in Poland and visits in deportation centres. The project is organised jointly with the International Centre for Policy Studies (Ukraine).

Implementation period: September 2005 – September 2006

Source of funding: the British Embassy in Kiev, OSI- LGI, S. Batory Foundation

Project: “Experiment in Newcomer Integration”

Project coordination: Justyna Frelak

The main aims of this project are stimulation of the debate on the benefits of migrations, and promotion of innovatory integration policy. The project involves the creation of local coalitions and an expert group which will facilitate and strengthen the dialogue between migrant organisations and receiving countries. The research part of the project will focus on the study of the opportunities of entrepreneurship development and ways of migrants’ activation.

Implementation period: October 2005 – October 2007

Source of funding: the Community Initiative INTERREG IIIB CADSES

2. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Seminar on „Is Poland a country open for foreigners? Theory and Practice” implemented as part of the projects on „European dilemmas: institutional, political and social discrimination” and „Immigration as a development strategy of the New Europe. Immigrants on the Polish labour market after the EU accession”, 28 February 2005.
- International conference on “Foreigners on the Polish labour market” attended by speakers from Ukraine and Belgium, 14 March 2005.
- Seminar on “Feasibility of consular and visa cooperation between the members of the Visegrad Group regarding Ukrainian and Moldavian citizens” attended by experts from our partner organisations: the Center for Policy Studies, Hungary; EUROPEUM - the Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic; the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Slovakia, the International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine, Kiev, 20 – 23 April 2005.
- Seminar on „European prospects of Turkey and Ukraine”. The speakers included experts of our partner organisation: the Center for Policy Studies, Hungary; EUROPEUM - the Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic; the Peace Institute, Slovenia, 23 May 2005.
- Seminars as part of the project on European dilemmas: institutional, political and social discrimination” in Brussels, January, 2005 and Warsaw, September 2005.
- Seminar „Can we reconcile a friendly eastern border with full Schengen membership? Challenges for the new member states and the EU neighbours”. Participants included international experts and representatives of the public administration, 17 October 2005..

- Conference on „European prospects of Turkey and Ukraine. New member states on further enlargement”. Participants included international experts, politicians and high representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs - 5 December 2005.

3. PROGRAMME PUBLICATIONS

Experts opinions, research reports and recommendations:

- M. Duszczyk, J. Korczyńska, *The demand for foreigners on the Polish Labour market. Analysis and recommendations for migration policy*, (PL).
- Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz, (ed.) Agnes Batory, Ivo Slosarcik, Aleksander Duleba, Juraj Misina) *The Visegrad States Between Schengen and Neighbourhood*.

Analyses and Opinions:

- J. Frelak, „*Ukrainians on the Polish labour market – recommendations for the migration policy*”.
- P. Kaźmierkiewicz, „*Schengen integration as a challenge for the Polish visa policy towards its eastern neighbours*”

Other publications:

- M. Bieniecki, H. Bojar, J Frelak, A. Gašior-Niemiec, J. Konieczna, J. Kurczewska, „*Regulation of economic migration – challenges for Ukraine in the context of Polish experience. Report on sociological research on economic migrants from Ukraine in Warsaw and the suburbs*” (in electronic version)
- J. Kurczewska, M. Bieniecki, H. Bojar, A. Gašior-Niemiec, M. Trojanowska – Strzęboszewska. M. Pawlak, „*Immigration and Integration Discourse in Poland - Frame Analysis*” (in electronic version)
- K. Iglicka, P. Kaźmierkiewicz, A. Weinar, „*Immigration and integration debates in Poland*” (in electronic version)
- H. Bojar, A. Gašior-Niemiec, M. Bieniecki, M. Pawlak, „*Migrants on the Polish labor market*” (in electronic version)
- J. Frelak, P. Kaźmierkiewicz, „*Recommendations for the Ukrainian migration policy*” (PL – electronic version, UKR – book publication)
- J. Kaźmierkiewicz, J. Korczyńska, „*Experience of Poland after 1989 as a country sending and receiving migrants: lessons for Ukraine*” (PL – electronic version, UKR – book publication)
- A. Horolets, J. Kurczewska, M. Trojanowska – Strzęboszewska, „*Discourse Analysis of Politics*” (electronic version)
- Web site “European prospects of Ukraine and Turkey” comprising the review of the press debate and expert reports.

4. PARTICIPATION OF THE EXPERTS AND STAFF IN THE PROGRAMME RESULTS DISSEMINATION

Justyna Frelak, coordinator

- Participation in the meeting of representatives of the institutions implementing the project on „European dilemmas: forms of institutional, political and social discrimination“, Brussels January 2005. .

- Commentaries for *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Newsweek*, *Życie Warszawy* on the demand for foreigners on the Polish labour market, March and April 2005.
- Commentary for the Programme I of the Polish Radio on the migration of Belorussians, March 2005
- Meeting with the representative of the Dutch and Norwegian Embassies on the activity of the Migration and Eastern Policy Programme, April 2005.
- Commentary for the Associated Press on the Polish-Russian relations, August, 2005.
- Meeting with the participants of the Political Science Course at the Centre for Eastern Studies of Warsaw University, September 2005
- Intervention at the conference on "Regulation of exit labor migration – challenges for Ukraine", Kiev, 26 September 2005
- Interview for *Gazeta Wyborcza* on the Polish migration and integration policy, November 2005.
- Interview for *Gazeta Prawna* on the migration of Poles to the EU, November 2005.
- Interview for the Polish Radio on the Polish migration and integration policy, November 2005.
- Interview for *Radio Polonia* on the Polish migration and integration policy, December 2005.

dr Joanna Korczyńska, expert

- Interviews for PIN Radio, BBC, Radio dla Ciebie on the report on "The demand for foreigners' work in Poland. Analysis and recommendations for migration policy", March 2005.
- Commentaries for *Parkiet*, *Życie Warszawy* on the report "The demand for foreigners' work in Poland. Analysis and recommendations for migration policy", March 2005.

Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz, expert

- Intervention at the Economic Forum in Krynica on migration from Eastern Europe, September 2005.
- Interview for TVN 24 on Ukrainians working in Poland, September 2005.
- Interview for Programme I TVP on the foreigners' work in Poland, September 2005.
- Commentary for *Rzeczpospolita* on Ukrainians working in Poland, September 2005.
- Intervention at the conference on "Regulation of exit labor migration – challenges for Ukraine, Kiev, 26 September.
- Presentation at the round table on 'Perspektivy konzulární spolupráce Visegrádských zemí ve vztahu k Ukrajině a Moldavsku', Prague, 24 October 2005.
- Presentation at the seminar on consular cooperation, Budapest, 25 October 2005.
- Presentation at the conference on „Agenda 2007: the Regional Dimensions of the EU Policy In the Context of Neighborhood Strategy”, St. Petersburg, 28-29 October 2005.
- Interview on consular cooperation on the territory of Ukraine and Moldova (the Polish Radio I, Radio Polonia, English Section of the Polish Radio), 17 October 2005.
- Interview on the future solutions regarding movement of persons between new EU countries and Ukraine and Russia (Radio Svoboda, Prague), 24 October 2005.

- Presentation of the results of the project on „Study on feasibility of consular and visa cooperation between the members of the Visegrad Group regarding the citizens of Ukraine and Moldova” the PASOS conference, Brussels, 4-5 November 2005.
- Presentation at the conference on „Turecko – strategický partner nebo členský stát EU“, Prague, 22 November 2005.
- Presentation at the expert panel „Limits of European integration. Turkey and Ukraine and the further EU enlargement“, Siedlce, 8 December 2005.

Miroslaw Bieniecki, researcher

- Interview for Programme I TVP on illegal employment of foreigners
- Intervention at the conference on „Regulation of exit labor migration – challenges for Ukraine, Kiev, 26 September 2005.
- Interview for *Der Spiegel* on economic migration from Ukraine, November 2005.

CITIZEN AND LAW PROGRAMME

Programme supervisor: Dr. Jacek Kucharczyk

Programme coordinator: Jarosław Zbieranek

The Citizen and Law Programme's aim is to support active participation of citizens in public life, transparency of state institutions and their accessibility for citizens. The programme started at the end of February 2005. Its main element is the project "Citizen and Law," which is aimed at expanding and improving access to legal assistance for citizens in small communities – including socially marginalised groups. An important accomplishment of the Programme is the development of projects that would introduce the institution of proxy for the disabled and elderly, as well as individual information letters about elections into the Polish electoral law. Both projects gained strong support from non-governmental organisations and received much publicity in the largest Polish media. The Legislative Committee of the Polish Sejm also discussed our proposals.

Key figures:

- ✓ Number of projects: 9
- ✓ Number of grants obtained: 4
- ✓ Number of publications: 9
- ✓ Number of conferences and seminars: 17

1. PROJECTS

Project: "Active citizen, modern electoral system"

Coordinator: Jarosław Zbieranek

The aim of this project was the development of proposals for amendments to the Polish electoral system with a view to increasing voter turnout. We also developed a project for the establishment of a special electoral institution which would be responsible for the initiation and coordination of research, as well as analytical, informational and educational activities associated with the issue of elections broadly conceived.

Source of funding: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Matra Programme)

Implementation period: December 2004 –November 2005

Project: "Transparent municipality"

Project coordinator: Olga Pucek

In this project the IPA served as an external evaluator of the training programme “Laboratory” conducted by the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, within the framework of the “Transparent Poland,” country-wide initiative by *Gazeta Wyborcza*. The aim of the study was to examine to what extent the training sessions geared towards the local government officials of 16 municipalities had had an impact on the implementation of the five criteria of transparency (social participation, transparency, accountability, effectiveness, prevention of corruption and professionalism) in the chosen local government units.

Implementation period: December 2003 – April 2005

Source of funding: AGORA S.A.

Project : „Strengthening Democracy in SEE Through Accountable Control of Political Parties”

Project coordination: Jarosław Zbieranek

This was an international project coordinated by the Institute for Public Policy In Bucharest. Its main aim was the standardisation of legal regulations pertaining to the transparency of political parties finance as well as the expanding of control functions of state organs and non-governmental organisations in this area. One of the project’s results was a report on the financing of political parties in the South-East Europe.

Source of funding: OSI Budapest (coordinator IPP Bucharest)

Implementation period: May 2005 – July 2005

Project: „The Future of the Polish political scene”

Project coordinator: Jarosław Zbieranek

This was the fifth time the IPA organised a seminar on the topic of the formation of the Polish political scene. Considerable changes in the Polish politics served as an impulse for this seminar. Sociologists and political scientists taking part in the seminar discussed such issues as the continuity of the observed political changes, the decreasing importance of the old divisions, in particular, of the dividing line between post-“Solidarity” and post-communist parties, which apparently was becoming less significant for both voters and politicians. The electronic transcript of the seminar discussion can be found on the IPA web-site.

Source of funding: IPA resources

Implementation period: October 2005 – December 2005

Project: „Raising ethical awareness of public administration officials”

Project coordinator: Jarosław Zbieranek

The IPA experts prepared and conducted a training seminar for the Pharmaceutical Inspectorate staff. One of the objective of this training seminar was to develop the Ethical Code for PI employees.

Source of funding: Main Pharmaceutical Inspectorate

Implementation period: August 2005 – November 2005

Project : “Citizen and Law”

Coordinators: Agata Winiarska, Jarosław Zbieranek

Citizen and Law project is the continuation and development of the activities conducted by Polish-American Freedom Foundation and the IPA in 2002-2003. The purpose of the Programme is to expand and improve access to legal assistance for citizens in small communities – including socially marginalized groups. In this new edition of the programme we focus on two parallel areas of activities:

- grant contest constituting financial support for the advisory non-governmental organisations;
- development of recommendations and implementation of systemic solutions to the question of citizen access to legal assistance.

Source of funding: Polish-American Freedom Fund

Implementation period: January 2005 – August 2006

Project: “E-government as a way of preventing corruption in public life”

Coordinator: Jarosław Zbieranek

This project constitutes a link between two extensive and multi-themed undertakings implemented by public administration, namely the anti-corruption strategy and the development of electronic administration. It aims to identify and examine existing government proposals as well as to discuss their relevance and effectiveness. The project also serves as a framework for the examination of the ways other countries employed e-government practices in order to prevent corruption, and the applicability of such solutions in Poland. The outcome of the project will be a report entitled: “The strategy of applying e-government practices as a counter-corruption instrument.”

Source of funding: ComputerLand

Implementation period: June 2005 – January 2006

Project : „Monitoring of presidential elections campaign finance”

Project Coordinator : Jarosław Zbieranek

This project, jointly implemented by Stefan Batory Foundation and the IPA, aims to monitor the sources of funding as well as expenses of presidential candidates’ electoral committees in 2005 elections. Our experts have examined donations, public collections, committees’ expenses on mass-media campaigns, advertising, and elections picnics as well as the financial reports submitted to the State Electoral Commission.

The IPA takes part in the preparation of interim reports as well as the final report which will sum up the results of the monitoring and present recommendations and proposals of legislative amendments.

Source of funding: IPA resources

Implementation period: March 2005 – April 2006

2. PROGRAMME PUBLICATIONS

Book publications:

- L. Kolarska-Bobińska, J. Kucharczyk, J. Zbieranek (eds.), *Active Citizen, Modern Electoral System*, Warszawa 2005, (PL).
- M. Walecki, *Money and Politics in Poland. A new democracy in a comparative perspective*, Warszawa 2005.

Analyses and Opinions:

- A. Sokala, "Voters should be informed about elections individually," no. 37, (PL).
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- J. Zbieranek, "Voter Mobilisation. The proposal to establish the State Electoral Institute," no. 49.
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Other publications:

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- "The Future of the Polish political scene", Conference transcript, (PL).
- "Active Citizen, modern electoral system", Conference transcript, (PL).

3. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- Informational seminar on grant contest procedures, 28 February 2005.
- Informational seminar on grant contest procedures, 1 March, 2005.
- Council of Experts Meeting: Citizen and Law project. Inauguration of the Council, adoption of the Statute and of the general agenda, 1 April 2005.
- Seminar on „The role of local government in voter mobilisation process”, 26 April 2005. Presentation of different modes of mobilisation of voters and an attempt to future develop recommendations.
- Selection Committee Meeting. Selection of applications winning the grant contest, 05 May 2005.

- Seminar inaugurating the projects that won grants, 16 May 2005.
- Press conference on the amendments to the elections legislation suggested by the IPA, 17 May 2005.
- Conference jointly organised by Stefan Batory Foundation and the IPA. „Clean elections – clean public life”. The conference inaugurated the project of monitoring presidential elections campaign finance, 3 June 2005.
- Meeting of the Council of Experts of “Citizen and Law” project, 29 June 2005.
- Meeting of the Council of Experts of “Citizen and Law” project, 29 September 2005.
- Seminar on “Raising ethical awareness of public administration officials”, 12 October 2005.
- Experts Seminar „The strategy of applying e-government practices in public tenders as a counter-corruption instrument – the present state of affairs and recommendations for the future”, 13 October 2005.
- Press conference: Presentation of the Report on the I phase of the monitoring of presidential elections campaign finance. Organised jointly by the IPA and Stefan Batory Foundation, 14 October 2005.
- Conference „Active Citizen, Modern Electoral System”, 27 October 2005.
- Conference „The Future of the Polish political scene”, 9 November 2005.
- Discussion panel on the availability of free legal assistance, jointly organised by the IPA and *Gazeta Wyborcza*, 30 November 2005.
- Press conference: Presentation of the Report on the II phase of the monitoring of presidential elections campaign finance. Organised jointly by the IPA and Stefan Batory Foundation, 13 December 2005.

4. PARTICIPATION OF THE STAFF AND EXPERTS IN THE PROGRAMME RESULTS DISSEMINATION

Agata Winiarska, coordinator:

- Statement on the results of the grant contest – *Gazeta Prawna* – May 2005.

Jarosław Zbieranek, coordinator:

- Statement on the project on introduction of voting by proxy for the disabled and the elderly into the Polish elections legislation – in: M. Zawala, “The Battle for the Four Million Souls,” *Dziennik Zachodni*, 28 February 2005.
- Participation in the conference „Political Parties Finance in Poland and the world”, 14 March 2005.
- Statements on the amendments to the Polish elections legislation proposed by the IPA – Radio 94 – two times, March/May 2005.
- Commentary to the article by D. Uhlig, “Will they tailor legislation for the small parties?,” *Gazeta Wyborcza*, 19 April 2005.
- Regular participation in the meetings of the Sejm Legislation Committee, March, April, May 2005.
- Statements on the amendments to the Polish elections legislation proposed by the IPA ISP – Radio BBC – May, September 2005..

- Statements on the amendments to the Polish elections legislation proposed by the IPA ISP – Radio BIS – September 2005.
- Statement on the project on the introduction of voting by proxy for the disabled and the elderly into the Polish elections legislation – in: P. Stanisławski, “Voters who lost with the politics,” Magazine *Integracja*, September 2005.
- Participation in the TV programme *Integracja*, TVP2 – September 2005.
- Presentation of the programme “Citizen and Law” on the National Forum of Non-governmental Initiatives – 23-24 September 2005.
- Statements on the amendments to the Polish elections legislation proposed by the IPA ISP – Radio ESKA – October 2005.
- Statements on the amendments to the Polish elections legislation proposed by the IPA ISP in: K. Olszewski, Let’s safe voter turnout, METRO, 11 October 2005.
- Interview: “It’s a shame not to vote”, *Dziennik Łódzki*, 22 October 2005.

Dr Marcin Walecki, expert

- Participation in the conference „Clean Elections – Clean Public Life” –3 June, Warsaw.
- Participation in the conference, devoted to the Report on the I phase of the monitoring of presidential elections campaign finance, Warsaw, 14 October 2005.

Prof. Marek Chmaj, ekspert

- Participation in the conference „Institutions and Control Mechanisms of Political Parties’ Finances in Europe”, Romania, June 2005..
- Participation in the conference on „Clean Elections – Clean Public Life”, Warsaw, 3 June 2005.
- Participation in the conference on „ Active Citizen, Modern Electoral System”, 27 October 2005.